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SYRIA.—Beirut.

Miss Everett.

REPORT OF BEIRUT SEMINARY FOR THE YEAR 1876.

The number of pupils in the seminary proper at the close of the year was fifty-six. Of these the number of day pupils was seventeen, none of whom paid less than 200 piastres ($8) yearly, which is the minimum charge for tuition fixed by the mission in 1871. The number of boarders is thirty-nine, of which only seven are received entirely gratuitously. . . . The various sects are represented as follows: Greeks, twenty-five; Protestants, twenty; Maronites, four; Catholics, four; and Jews, three. In the primary department one hundred and ninety-four different names have been enrolled, fifty-eight of whom were Moslems. The daily attendance has averaged from fifty-five to sixty. . . .

Thus much do the books show of the present status of the school, and these figures are encouraging. As to natural ability, character and social position, we have a better class of pupils than usual, which is a stimulus to greater fidelity on our part, since the influence they will exert when they go from us must be the greater for good or evil. But these same elements now predominating in the school, which, developed aright and thoroughly sanctified, reward the trainer's toil far more in the end, make the process of training more laborious and wearing, and, taken in connection with the fact of our having an unusual number of small girls, afford sufficient reason why the past year, with all its encouragements, has been one of the most difficult and trying in the matter of government and discipline. We have been oppressed, too, by the unusual lack of seriousness and religious susceptibility, and with pain we record it as a year in which only one or two can be named with any assurance as having been born again. We have, however, some promise of better things this year. The number of pupils who cherish the hope that they are following Christ, and who sustain by themselves a weekly prayer-meeting, is eight, and two or three seem earnestly inquiring the way of life. Four girls received diplomas last July, and these, with three of the four others who left school at the same time, we trust are Christians. Two of them have been received into the church. Of these eight girls, one is teaching in Egypt, one in Tripoli, one in Kefr Shema, one with Mrs. Salt (school for Jews), one in a day school of Mrs. Mott's here in the city, leaving but one unemployed.

The importance of the primary department as a training school for those who contemplate teaching becomes more and more apparent from year to year. Besides the two teachers employed specially for that school, we keep one or two of our teachers' class employed there nearly every hour of the day. Recently the number of Moslem girls in daily attendance ran up to about thirty, and they were so lawless and profane that we decided to separate them from the Christian girls. As many of them wished to be taught sewing only, we employed a new teacher for them, and told them that under this arrangement they must pay a franc (twenty cents) a month.

This soon reduced the number to nine or ten regular pupils, and we are now in doubt whether to continue the class for that number or not. We hope for an increase again.

We feel that we have especial cause for gratitude that we have passed one entire year an unbroken trio, in unusual health, and are able to work efficiently in Arabic. The almost uninterrupted health enjoyed by the majority of the family, year after year, seems remarkable. There never before has come to our ears so much of what "they say" about our school, showing that it has a growing reputation, and that the people are gradually coming to a better appreciation of such an education for girls as we are striving to give. This is another cause for gratitude, and it appears that the innovation made last year in the way of less public examinations, conducted before special committees, was no detriment to the reputation of the school, but the opposite.

Another encouragement in our work has come to us through the opportunities enjoyed during the past summer of visiting in their own homes a number of our pupils who have been for some time out of school, and most of whom bear now the responsibilities of wives and mothers. In but one instance were we pained by manifest deterioration under home influences. On the contrary, we were greatly rejoiced in the other cases by the contrast in personal appearance, manners and conduct, in the various home relations, between them and those about them who had not been under the same influences. A new-comer in Syria, accompanying us on these visits only once or twice, but seeing representatives of the various schools, remarked, "How easy it is to tell what girls have been in school!" Yes, in the homes one reads the best report of what the schools and other missionary labor are accomplishing for Syria.

SYRIA.—Sidon.

MISS H. M. EDDY.

. . . WE have girls from all parts of the Syria mission in school, and their names are as various as the places from which they come. One is named Shems (sun), another Concab (star), another Dehebeya

(gold), another Saiedie (rich), etc. The girls do all their own domestic work. It is portioned to them, and is changed once a week. To-day is Saturday, and they are making a general cleaning. I always dread it, as they are apt to break things.

We have given them no vacation this winter, as few could go home, and even if they did go, they would return in such a condition that we should not gain anything by their absence. Those who remained would have to be told what to do, as they have no resources of their own. We gave them New Year's day, and after breakfast, when in my room, more than half of the girls came to ask me for something to do. The younger ones I sent down in the garden, and gave the others work. After dinner I told them to prepare for a walk, so they enveloped themselves in their sheets and veils, and we started. The procession was headed by the steward, then came the girls walking two and two, and I brought up the rear, riding, so as to command my troops. This is the way we go out to walk four times a week, only after we get out of the city the girls are allowed to lift their veils and break ranks.

This afternoon our steps were bent to the orange gardens, about half an hour's walk from the school. We knocked at several gates, and at last found one where the owner was at home, but when he saw all the girls, he thought they would spoil everything in his garden. The steward assured him to the contrary, so he let us in. By a garden you must not imagine one with well laid out walks, shrubbery, etc.; it is simply ploughed ground with orange trees so close that no sun penetrates them. I think there is no tree more beautiful than the orange, laden with fruit.

After walking around for a while, the gardener brought us two baskets full of oranges and sweet lemons. These he poured out on a mat, and I began to pass them to the girls. The owner of the garden sat watching us all the time, and seemed amused at the glee the girls were in; they formed a contrast to the Moslem girls, who seldom, if ever, laugh, as it is considered improper. They must also keep their faces covered from men, except those among their near relatives. I heard one girl boast that she had eaten four oranges, so I think they all had enough. As we were finishing,

the owner of the garden began to urge us to go around the garden. I could not think what had made such a change in his manner, but the steward told me afterwards that he had been inquiring of him what school it was, and when he learned he said, "I thought they were the pupils from the Jesuit sisters' school, but if they are Protestant girls, I know they will do no harm."

The whole entertainment cost less than a dollar. The owner of the garden, as is customary in this country, appeared very reluctant to take the money. "It was a shame to take anything; he did not wish anything; his whole garden could not balance our worth," etc., etc., all of which was for politeness' sake. We were home by five o'clock, and after a light supper, the girls began to study their lessons for the next day. So ended New Year's day.

We have a very interesting class of girls. One of them not long ago denied something she had done, but on my questioning her she acknowledged it. I said very little to her, except to tell her how grieved God must be, and told her to think about her sin. After a few minutes I heard a knock at my door, and there stood Susadne. I asked her what she wanted. Her reply was, "Miss Eddy, I am trembling all over because I told a lie; may I go to my sleeping-room and ask God's forgiveness; and then I will come and ask yours." She did so, and seemed really sincere.

MEXICO.—Cordova.

MISS LEASON.

. . . How I pity this country! It is like a house full of children, weak and helpless, without father or mother to guide or instruct. A few ambitious, wicked men lead the whole. The poor, ignorant soldiers know not for what they fight, and vacillate constantly from the beaten to the victorious party.

I am thankful that I am here, even though my labor is but a drop in the bucket. I am thankful to add even that. If I can get a permanent school established in Mexico city, it is the height of my ambition, for then I know that our success is certain. The people are such a vacillating set that they look upon anything that *lasts* as a perfect thing. This is one reason why I am so anxious to have

a building of our own. We move our school from one place to another, and many do not know of its existence. I have faith to believe that God will make this a great school, and that it will never fall through, but go on and flourish after my labors are ended. My earnest prayer now is that we may have a house, a place which we can call our own. Had we an established school where the whole city would know of it, I believe that the increase in the number of pupils would be wonderful. If you knew the Mexicans, rich and poor, you would quickly perceive the force of this. And think of a school in one of our own cities, with no abiding place, and with inconveniences of which I have spoken! Would it flourish? . . . I am almost sure that God will touch the hearts of some persons to send the necessary funds for a house. I am just waiting and resting on His Word. He will enlarge and bless this dear school.

. . . I have come to this place to recruit, and it is a beautiful place—a perfect forest of vegetation. I never saw anything like it. A coffee plantation is in front of the house, and below this is a little river. Oranges, bananas, mangoes and guavas grow on every side. Flowers of every hue and of richest perfume, and birds, the most wonderful singers I ever heard, are all about us. We have all the magnificent beauty of the tropics without any of the forcible-feeble races of annoyances, such as snakes, wild animals and frightful insects. The Indians here are perfect paragons in the way of Indians. They all dress in white and comb their hair. The women trim their dresses with red tape, which has a very pretty effect. They are indeed a superior people; the Cordova Indians are quite noted all through this country. They were never known to go to war until the late revolution; then half espoused the government cause, and half that of the rebels, for policy, you see.

PERSIA.—Seir.

MRS. LABAREE.

THE week of prayer is very generally observed by our people, and in some places the interest is marked. We have been very much encouraged by a work of grace which has been in progress for some weeks in the village of Gulepashau. As many as sixty

hopeful conversions are reported, backsliders have been reclaimed, and the zeal and love of Christians much quickened. In so far as we have heard from the various villages, the meetings this week have been well attended, and of increasing interest. A hopeful state of feeling exists in the female seminary, and seven of the girls have recently taken their stand on the Lord's side, and have joined those of their companions who are praying for the conversion of the rest of their schoolmates.

The spiritual aspects of our work compensate us for the trials which arise from the coming into our field of the S. P. G.'s (the missionary society of the English High Church). Our helpers, returning to their field in Koordistan, a few weeks since, were arrested by the order of the Patriarch Mar Shinaan, and, after a detention of several days, during which they were subjected to great indignity, were finally expelled from the mountains, Mar Shinaan declaring that, by the terms of his agreement with the agent of the English Church, who was here last fall, he could allow none but English laborers in his diocese. A large quantity of Bibles and other books, on their way to distant portions of our field, were returned to Oroomiah with the helpers.

N. A. INDIANS.—Versailles, N. Y.

MRS. WRIGHT.

WE did not close our industrial school till the first of November last. We had between sixty and seventy on our list, many of them from the families who have persistently opposed our efforts among them. They all listened to the reading of the Scriptures, and took part in the singing of the hymns. You would hardly think, to look at them together, that it was not an assembly of Christian women. The Sabbath-school is well attended by the young people, who seem much interested in learning to read their own language. Some of them are now very good readers of the Seneca.

I intended to have written you immediately after Christmas, to tell you of the pleasant gathering we had in our industrial schoolhouse at Newtown; how the young people there, at my request,

trimmed the room with evergreens; how on that occasion we put up the bright pictures and Scripture texts and cards which dear friends had sent us for that purpose, and what a joyful time we had entertaining the forty-five children present, while their parents looked on with smiling faces, pleased to see their children made happy. The worst opposers we have ever had were there, and seemed to enjoy the occasion as much as any of them, even putting little things on the tree for their children and for each other. Some kind Christian friends from different places aided us materially by sending us money to purchase refreshments and warm garments for the children of which many of them were sorely in need. I also received packages and boxes from Sabbath-schools in various places containing articles useful, attractive and amusing.

I distributed the refreshments first to the children, thinking that they would enjoy what was to follow much better after the keen demands of appetite were appeased. They had come at an early hour, and had waited most patiently to see the tree loaded. A Christian young man, who is employed as a Bible reader in the settlement, then read to them the account in Luke of the birth of Christ, and the message of the angels to the shepherds. That beautiful passage never seemed so sweet to me before. The people listened to it with much attention, and also to the short exhortation which followed, showing them that the "glad tidings" were for them too, and urging them to receive the "good news" of salvation.

A young man who can read was selected to assist the Bible reader in taking the things from the tree, and two large girls of the Sabbath-school carried them to the children. One Sabbath-school had sent us bags of candy, so that every child received one, even the babies. The young men who took the articles from the tree indulged in some witticisms which created considerable merriment, and the whole passed off with great satisfaction to all present.

The Sabbath-school and a weekly religious meeting are held regularly, and I think that prejudice is abating. I am intensely anxious to see them brought to renounce their vain delusions and accept the truth of the gospel. I know that God's Spirit alone can do this work. They seem to have reached a crisis, and I think

they will soon be softened, and come under the sweet influences of the gospel, or hardened and confirmed in rejecting Christ. There are a few who confess in private conversation that they believe the gospel to be the only true religion, but they have not courage to say so before their neighbors. They are evidently not at rest in their minds. I entreat you, dear sisters, *pray* for them.

There has been so much snow here, and the roads have been so badly blocked, that I have not been able to do much in the way of visiting from house to house; but there has been much sickness, and that has brought many of the people to me for medical advice. This has given me many opportunities to converse with them in my own house. My husband dispensed medicines during almost the whole of his missionary life, in which I assisted him as much as I could, so I am quite familiar with caring for the sick. I have no special fund for buying medicine now, but I cannot bear to see them suffer for what they need so much and cannot obtain elsewhere, so I supply a few simple remedies which I know perfectly well how to use, and thus the door is often opened to me in many houses where otherwise I should be an unwelcome visitor.

ITEMS FROM CANTON.

From Canton letters, dated January 29, the following items have been taken:

The boarding-school, which has been closed several months on account of the illness of Miss Mattie Noyes, we hope will be opened again at the end of the vacation which all the schools are having now. We know all our friends will rejoice with us that Miss Noyes is so much better that she hopes to take charge of the school again. She feels that her life has been spared in answer to the many prayers of her friends and of the native Christians.

The training-school for women and all the day-schools were closed on the 29th of January for a month's vacation. The women passed a creditable examination. The closing exercises at the schools consisted in religious services and distributing prizes. The prizes were for regular attendance during the year and perfect recitations. One little girl got three prizes—one for punctual

attendance, one for recitations and one for clear explanation of the Chinese books.

On the 14th of January communion was held in the First Presbyterian Church, in Canton. Six persons, three men and three women, were received into the church at that time. One hundred communicants were present. One of the women who were received came from the village where we have a school. She had first heard the gospel at one of the meetings which were held in that school nearly two years ago.

CHINA.—Canton.

Miss Mattie Noyes.

. . . You may perhaps before this have learned of my illness, and the consequent breaking up of our girls' boarding-school. I have indeed lain at the point of death since I last wrote you, but a kind Father has spared my life a little longer, and I hope my work here is not yet finished. Is it not a comfort to know that we are in the arms of a loving Saviour—that we only need live a day at a time and He will show us every step of the way in which He desires us to walk? I often have thought during the past few months, while drawn aside from all work, how different are God's views and plans from ours. Since Hattie left, how many times has the feeling of my heart been, we have so few laborers, we certainly could not part with another until more are sent out to us; and really our hands were full. We could never have imagined it was best to have our dear school girls sent back to their homes just as we were entering upon the second term of the year, and indeed it has been a trial over which I have shed many tears, but now I am so confident it will all work together for good that the bitterness of the disappointment is past. The loving care of our dear missionaries during my sickness, their constant prayers in my behalf, have drawn me to them with a still stronger and more tender tie, if possible, than existed before, although they have always been kind. I can never forget what I have received at their hands during the past five months; some blessings cannot be measured in words, but the heart alone appreciates their worth. Enough to say, though in a

foreign land, far from home and kindred, I have had need of nothing. Perfect rest, freedom from care, under God's blessing, have done much to restore my strength, and I hope to re-open the school next month. How happy we shall be to have our pupils with us again! and I am sure they will be rejoiced to get back.

Shall I tell you a little of our experiences last term? I had 28 scholars, and could have added many more to the list if we could have secured the funds and additional room. There was one cause of anxiety from which I hope we may be spared this year, which arose from constant sickness among the pupils; the teacher herself being far from well, although she was able to attend to most of her duties. At first it was fever; then the whooping-cough crept in, and for a time I feared we should be obliged to disband altogether, but the last difficulty did not prove quite as serious as I anticipated. I could not but be amused at the girls, who were in a constant state of wonder at the "dreadful cough" everybody was having, seeming to have no idea it was contagious, and, as sometimes "ignorance is bliss," I did not enlighten them upon the subject. However, the progress in study was very satisfactory, and we were not left without encouragement in another direction. We did feel, as day by day passed by, that the Spirit was among us, giving for a time no outward token of His presence farther than the quiet attention during our religious exercises, that stillness, the earnest countenance when truths from the Bible were brought before the mind, which are known only when souls are being led to the Saviour. We watched and waited, knowing not where the seed was taking root; but the Father knew, and ere long three of those belonging to the first class signified their desire to profess Christ. One of these is a girl supported by the Sunday-school in Bloomfield, N. J. All were the children of Christian parents, and all give promise of becoming useful in future life. Two others I trust have passed from death unto life. We had hoped that much fruit would appear during the coming term, and I could not help feeling a confidence it would be so; but the Shepherd can care for these lambs wherever they are, and it is a rest to leave it all with Him.

Sister has told you, no doubt, of our desire in reference to the

preparatory department,—a thing yet in the future. I was much saddened by the reduction in our estimates for this year. We try to be as economical as possible; but the work will grow, and is not that just what we most desire? By and by these people will do more towards paying their own expenses while becoming educated, but this is a work of time. I only wish the dear ladies at home could visit us here and see for themselves what their money is doing for these girls; they would never regret what they have contributed, I am sure.

BRAZIL.—Rio Claro.

Miss Kuhl writes:—The more I study mission work, the more I am puzzled. I can only say, "Who is sufficient for these things?" The work sometimes rises before me in all its grandeur. The Samuels and Timothys are to be trained to preach the gospel from the Atlantic to the Andes—a work which cannot be too carefully and prayerfully done. The brightest intellects of the land will need the most thorough preparation to combat the various forms of error which are developing so rapidly in our large cities. Others, who can endure hardships for the Lord's sake, must be sent far into the interior, to break to a waiting people the bread of life. And then, the girls are to be trained, superstition to be attacked in its stronghold, the mothers, the true teachers of the nation, are to be taught of Jesus. May the time speedily come when a noble work can be begun for the Christian education of the women of this land!

. . . It is an important thing to send the very shrewdest, the most cultivated Christian men and women to Brazil. There is a prejudice against a new religion, as they say, but it is overcome by tact and the influence of people of agreeable manners. Of course, consecration of heart is the first and most important thing; but the Brazilians are a courteous people, and are won by the true politeness of others.

"And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and His name one."

At Home.

FAITH FOR NEXT YEAR.

WHAT is *faith* for any time? Let Paul, our good old teacher of eighteen hundred years ago, tell us. It is "the substance of things hoped for—the evidence of things not seen." Now, what is "hoped for" and "not seen" is not just what we have in our hands, or what we see right before us, is it? What calls for the exercise of *faith* is what we have not got, and do not know precisely where we are to get, but what we believe to be a good gift which God has in His storehouse for us.

Many a one says when forwarding money to the Treasurer of the W. F. M. S, "Here is our contribution for this year, but we do not know whether we can raise as much next year, or ever again." Why? What is the matter? Is God never going to help you any more, as He has done hitherto? "Well, it has required a good deal of effort this time, and we do not quite see where the money is to come from another year."

Let us look at this a little. Said a stirring young officer of an auxiliary to one of the parent society last summer, "I dread this winter, with its laborious effort to raise our money for our missionary—last year we had to work *so* hard, and I do not know how we are going to get it this year." The answer was, "Where is your faith? Believe that you will raise the money, with the help to be had for the asking, then go to work and do all you possibly can, and you will not fail."

Last week the same bright little damsel said to the same person, "Why, do you know we have got all the money we needed for our missionary this year? It has all come in, somehow."

"SOMEHOW." Ah, do you remember your words six months ago? What now do you think of that faithless mood, when you saw not the "*how*," and therefore doubted? If you had *seen*, where would have been the room for faith, that blessed gift of God to His poor, blind, stumbling children? Will you ever doubt

again, because you do not see the money all spread out before you in bright array, waiting for you to pick it up?

It is *there*. The dear Lord knows where it is, and He can gather it, a little here and a little there, perhaps more than you think from that full purse, and a mite from that scanty store, which you think can surely spare nothing at all. Ask Him, and He will tell you where to go for it, and how to *make* it where it is not ready to your hand; and He will bring it all in by one way or another. Not without persistent, patient labor, it may be; not to the indolent and self-indulgent; not to the indifferent, procrastinating laggards, who think it enough to have their names on the books, and collect a few dimes, when convenient, from those who stand ready to give to the sleepiest asker for this cause. No—but to the earnest, faithful, steady workers, who are awake to the full meaning of what they are doing, when, in the way that is open to them, they do their part, be it great or small, towards bringing the kingdoms of this world to the feet of their adored Master.

To these, looking to Him in faith, God will point out the places where His "silver and gold" are hidden, awaiting the gathering of His servants. And He will do this year after year. He will not show you this year where to get next year's money. It may be that the sources whence it is to come may be quite different another year from those open to you now. Only trust Him and ask Him about it, and do what He tells you without fear or self-seeking in the matter; and you will wonder—no, you ought not to *wonder*, for it is but the fulfilling of a promise on the part of One who never fails in this—but you will rejoice with thankfulness over the full and comparatively easy accomplishment of what you have undertaken to do in the name of the Lord.

THE proportion of the amount required for the purchase of a building for the Chinese Home in California, and for the building in Tripoli, Syria, which was assumed by the W. F. M. S., has been raised. This does not include the part assumed by the California Branch for the Chinese Home. We hope that our California workers will soon be able to announce that building entirely free from debt.

THE LAMB.

BY FRANCIS DE HAES JANVIER.

"I am the good Shepherd."—John x. 14.

Along a rugged mountain's side,
An Alpine shepherd led his flock;
And far below, an angry tide
Dashed over many a pointed rock.

But still, the flock, without a fear,
Went wandering o'er the verdant ledge,
And oft, unconsciously, drew near,
To gambol on the crumbling edge.

Then came the shepherd, where there lay
A lamb which claimed his tenderest love,
And gently bearing it away,
He took it to a plain, above.

The mother, for her young distrest,
Pursued the way the shepherd went;—
And, one by one, ere long, the rest
Climbed slowly up the steep ascent.

Till, to a place of safety led,
And gladly reunited there,
They found far richer pastures spread,
And realized the shepherd's care.

O mother, of thy lamb bereft,
Chide not the Shepherd, in thy woe;—
Approach the crumbling verge he left,
And view the pointed rocks below.

Though steep, and toilsome, be the way,
Still, let us follow,—till above,
With him, through fairer fields we stray,
And own our Saviour's watchful love.

PITTSBURGH.

We in this region of smoke and fog would like to tell you something of our efforts in the cause of missions. Letters from our sisters abroad are read with the deepest interest; we want to know what they are doing. But it is an indisputable fact that all the labors and discouragements in this work are not found on heathen

soil. We at home feel the need of sympathy and the stimulus that comes from hearing what others are doing. It helps us to know that our trials and difficulties are shared alike by all our co-laborers. It was the discovery of this element of help in their work that led our sisters of the American Board to say, "We must have conventions." Agitation is the watchword in every popular movement of the day, in the religious as well as the secular world.

Our proposal to tell something of our work grows out of our desire to hear in turn what others are doing. The annual meeting of the Pittsburgh and Allegheny Committee was held in Pittsburgh on the 8th of March. The day to which we had looked forward with such large expectations dawned upon us in all the gloom of a Pittsburgh rain, but even this could not damp the zeal of earnest, loving hearts. A goodly number came to tell of the year's work. Thirty-six auxiliaries were reported. There was a marked improvement in the reports. They breathed a more hopeful, trusting spirit, and said less of discouragements and difficulties. We are slowly climbing the height on which Dr. Scudder stood when he exclaimed, "Discouragements? I do not know the word in missionary work!" We are learning that we have nothing to do with discouragements or failures; it is ours to be found faithful in our work; all the rest belongs to God. We are not in a position to judge of our success, and the promise is to the faithful, not the successful, worker.

We cannot report much enlargement in the way of new organizations, but feel encouraged by the evidence afforded that our societies are coming up to a higher standard. Our ladies are finding that there is much patient work to be done—a work of education, both of the head and heart: hence we chose for discussion the question, "What preparation do we need in order to work more successfully for foreign missions?" Our ladies have not learned to "speak out in meeting" very freely, but they are improving.

Mrs. T. Lawrence, of Sharpsburg, opened this discussion by reading an able and carefully-prepared paper. Others followed, but the subject was so vast, the preparation embraced so much, that only a few points could be touched upon. Enough was brought out, however, to convince all how far short we came, how much

land remained to be possessed, and we doubting and fearing at Ai. These Babylonish garments, these shekels of silver and wedges of gold, how they weaken our faith and hinder our prayers, and give the enemy the advantage! We were led to feel that what we most need is more entire consecration of heart and life. We must become emptied vessels and willing instruments in God's hands. The important matter for us is to be willing to be used in any service; of our fitness we cannot judge, for the weakest instrument in the Lord's hands becomes most effective. Prominence was given to the importance of beginning this preparation even in the nursery. We need to learn wisdom from the Jesuits, who ask only the first six years of a child's life to make sure of it for Rome.

We were favored with an address from Rev. S. H. Kellogg, recently returned from India. As this is the field in which most of our societies are especially interested, we were glad to learn more of the women of that land. Mr. Kellogg told us the old story of their degradation and bondage, their most galling fetters being riveted upon them by their religion, to which they cling with all of a woman's faith and reverence. Their only possible hope of escape must be through the Gospel of Christ.

It was a good day, in which our hearts were cheered and strengthened. We had a lunch and noon recess of two hours, affording an opportunity to take each other by the hand and say a word by way of help or encouragement. This is a very important feature of all such meetings, and should not be omitted when arrangements for it are possible.

Only one thought saddened our hearts as we separated for another year, and that was that we were but a tithe of all the Christian women in these two large Presbyteries. The many who excuse themselves on various pretexts do not know their loss. Leaving the heathen out of the question, no better means of growth in grace can be found than this missionary work, with all to which it leads in the way of prayer-meetings and Christian intercourse. Testimony on this point is abundant. One lady remarked, "Before I engaged in this cause I had no comfort in my religion, no freedom in prayer; now I carry all my cares to Jesus, and live rejoicing

every day." We long to have all our Christian sisters come with us and share our blessings. J. M. H.

WHERE ARE THEY?

Mrs. Fitch, of Soochow, China, wants help in her work among the women and children of that place. Two earnest, cultivated, *healthy* women, whose whole souls are given to labor for Christ, and who can go and serve Him in that distant heathen land, with glad hearts, holding back nothing of talent or gift, or power of body or mind, willing to lay self wholly on His altar, and while doing all this, at the same time ever heeding the first great human missionary's teaching, that of the apostle Paul, when he entreated his followers to "be kindly affectioned one to another; in honor preferring one another;" two such women are wanted, and would be sent to Soochow. If any read these words, and, in all humility, feel that in the strength of God they can meet these requirements, and that God would have them offer themselves for this work, let them write to Mrs. S. C. Perkins, 1334 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

RETRENCHMENT.

This word, never pleasant, becomes one of the saddest ones in our language when used in connection with the giving of the "bread" or of the "water of life" to the nations. Here it is synonymous with starvation and death eternal to many souls.

Our Board of Foreign Missions is not responsible for the acts which retrenchment requires. It is the Church, or rather each individual member of it, of whom the Master, with tender, reproachful eye, makes this inquisition for blood. Neglect, long continued, kills as surely as does direct assault. So far as the soul of man is of more consequence than his body, so much more trouble in its effects is the breach of the Sixth Commandment in regard to immortal souls, left to perish through lack of a little more effort, a little more self-denial. H.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS.

Blair, Mrs. John I.
Brown, Miss Mary
Calhoun, Miss Harriet A.
Carter, Mrs. Thomas
Cratty, Miss Maggie
Dale, Miss L. G.

Dale, Miss Margaret
Darby, Mrs. Benjamin
Davison, Mrs. Mary
Graham, Mrs. Margaret
Hotchkiss, Mrs. Julia N.
Morrison, Mrs. William T.
Reed, Mrs. Eliza G.
Reinhart, Mrs. E. H.
True, Mrs. Maria F.
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NEW AUXILIARIES AND BANDS.

AUXILIARIES.

Niles, Ohio.
Pleasant Grove, Ohio.
San Rafael, Cal
Saxton, Pa.
Utica, N. Y., 1st Ch.

BANDS.

Mineral Ridge, Ohio Youthful Workers.
Wheeling, W. Va., 1st Ch., Hope Bd.
Williamsport, Pa., 2d Ch., Ministering Children.

Receipts of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, from March 1, 1877.

[PRESBYTERIES IN SMALL CAPITALS.]

ATHENS.—Marietta Aux., 4th St. Ch., for Shanghai, . $40 00

BALTIMORE.—Baltimore, Aisquitle St. Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Lahore, $104 75; Brown Memorial Aux., for Miss'y, Lahore, $400, Bible Cl. Bd., for two sch'ps and tea., Sidon, $135, S. S., for two schs., Lahore, $200, Graeme Harrison Bd., for sch'p, Dehra, $50, Mackensie Bd., for sch'p, Dehra, $30, Mission S. S., for Chinese Home, $25 78 ($840 78); Central Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Lahore, $125, Jos. T. Smith Bd., for Miss'y and schools, Lahore, $50 ($175); 1st Ch. Young Ladies' Bd., for Miss'y, Lahore, $30; 2d Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Soochow, $450; Churchville Aux., for sch'p, Mynpurie, $30; Ellicott City Aux., for schs., Chefoo, $30; Fallston Aux., for schs., Lahore, $25; Govanstown Aux., for Miss'y, Lahore, $154 05; Westminster Aux., $140, Cent. off., $23 10, Shining Helpers, $30 ($193 10), for Miss'y, Lahore; Through Mrs. Jones for Miss'y, Lahore; Mrs. W. W. Spence, $50, Miss Morris, $50, Mrs. Purviance, $10, Mrs. W. B. Canfield, $10, Miss M. B. Wright, $5 ($125), . $2157 68

BELLEFONTAINE. — Bellefontaine Aux., 1st Ch., $30; Buck Creek Aux., $30; Bucyrus Aux., of which $75 for B. R., Shanghai, $100; Kenton Aux., $25, . 185 00

BLAIRSVILLE. — Derry Sta. Ladies' Prayer Meeting, for fam. suf., Tungchow, . . 7 00

BUTLER.—Amity Aux., $96; Butler Gleaners, for sch'p, Beirût, $60; Centre Aux., $50; Centreville Aux., $33 05; Clintonville Aux., $32; Concord Aux., $67 83; Harrisville Aux., for sch., Mexico, $50; Middlesex Aux., $14 53; New Salem Aux., for sch'p, Kolapoor, $30; Pine Grove Aux., for Tripoli House, $65 37; Plain Grove Aux., $65 82; Portersville Aux., $15 35; Sunbury Aux., $58 87, . 638 82

CARLISLE. — Dickinson Ch., Star of Hope Aux., for sch'p, Ningpo, $40; Green Castle Aux., for sch'p, Beirût, $63, Halana Bd.,

for sch., Mexico, $10 ($73); M'Connellsburg Miss. Bd., for Woodstock, $5; Marsh Creek Miss. Bd., $25; Mechanicsburg Aux., for sch., Lahore, $100, Cent. off. from 9 ladies, $9, Willie Ralston, deceased, $2 ($111); Middle Spring Aux., $30 15; Shippensburg Aux., for Tripoli House, $110, . . . $394 15

CHESTER. — Avondale Aux., $19 25, Circle, $2 75 ($22), for Woodstock; Darby Aux., for Tripoli House, $40; Fagg's Manor Aux., for Miss'y, Syria, $40; Great Valley Ch., Valley Bd., for zenana work, India, $125; Octorara Aux., for Miss'y, Lodiana, $100; Oxford Aux., for Woodstock, $62, Miss. Bd., for sch'p, Mynpurio, $15 ($77); Penningtonville Inf. Cl., Christ's Jewels, $8 50; West Chester Aux., for Miss'y, Syria, $100, Willing Hearts, for sch'p., Sidon, $52 50, Willing Hands, for sch'p, Gaboon, $25 ($177 50), . . . 590 00

CINCINNATI.—Delhi, Labaree Bd., for Persia, . . . 3 80

CLARION. — Emlenton Aux., $44; Pisgah Aux., $30; Strattanville Aux., $11, . 85 00

CLEVELAND.—Chester Aux., $26; Cleveland, Mem. Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Japan, $37 13, for nat. tea., India, $12, Girls' Miss. Bd., for sch'p, Kolapoor, $25, S. S., for nat. tea., Syria, $16 ($84 13); 2d Ch. Aux., for return trav. exp. of Miss'y, $142 63, S. S., for nat. tea., Rio Claro, $50, Mary Scelye Bd., for sch'p, Yokohama, $30 ($222 63); Elyria, Mrs. De Witt, $10; Willoughby Aux., $18 55, . . . 361 31

COLUMBUS.—Central College Aux., for zenana visitor, India, $25, for Tripoli House, $8 ($33); Circleville, 1st Ch. Aux., for zenana visitor, $81 03; Columbus, 1st Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Syria, $100; 2d Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Syria, $126 62, Myrtle Bd., for Miss'y, Syria, $15, for sch'p, Dehra, $42 40, Little Flock, for sch'p, Dehra, $21 20 ($199 22); Westminster Aux., for Miss'y, Syria, $28 21; Dublin Aux., for zenana visitor, $20; Mifflin Aux., for Miss'y, Syria, $22; Plain City Aux., for zenana visitor, $25, . . . $508 46

DAYTON.—Dayton Aux., for Miss'y, Brazil, $160, Effie Hulse, sch'p, Sidon, $50, 3d St. Ch., S. S., sch'p, Dehra, $40, sch'p, Oroomiah, $28, Miss. Bd., Hangchow, $37 50 ($315 50); Hamilton Aux., $121 21; Springfield, 1st Ch. Aux., for Chinese Home, $45; Troy Aux., for sch'p, Mexico, $50, . . . 531 71

ELIZABETH.—Elizabeth Y. L. M. Asso., for Miss'y, Mexico, $408 31, for debt of Bd., $11 81; 1st Ch. S. S., Mary Morrison Bd., for sch., Ningpo, $75; 2d Ch. Miss. Bd., for sch'p, Kolapoor, $30, Westminster Bd., for Tripoli House, $50, Little Gleaners, for sch'p, Yokohama, $30 ($605 12); Metuchen Aux., for sch'p, Mynpurie, $36; Montclair Aux., for tea. for Miss'y, Ningpo, $25; Perth Amboy, Harriet Newell Bd., for Chinese Home, $28; Rahway, 2d Ch. Aux., for sch'p, Ningpo, $40, for Tripoli House, $30 ($70); Springfield Aux., for Tripoli House, $30; Summit Bd., sch'p, Dehra, $30, . . . $24 12

ERIE.—Cambridge Aux., for Tripoli House, $30; Corry Aux., $10; Jamestown Aux., for Mem. Door's sch., Petchaburi, $60; Meadville, 2d Ch. Aux., for nat. tea., Furrukhabad, $52 50; Mill Village, $6 25; Northeast Aux., of which $30 for sch'p, $52 66; Oil City, 1st Ch. Aux., for Chinese Home, $50, for sch'p, Futtehgurh, $31 05, Precious Little Workers, for Chinese Home, $17 ($98 05); Pleasantville

Aux., $27; Titusville Aux., for organ for sch., San Paulo, $150; Venango Aux., $17; Waterford Aux., $17, $520 46

GENESEE.—Perry S. S., for sch'p, Yokohama, . . 30 00

GENEVA.—Phelps Aux., for Chinese House, $68; Romulus Aux., $50, . . . 118 00

HUDSON.—Monroe Aux., for sch., Lahore, . . . 100 00

HUNTINGDON.—Bellefonte Aux., $28; Lewistown Aux. (of which $1 50 from Maggie and Bessie Gibson, and 50 cts. from Boyd Brattan), for Miss'y, Ningpo, $16 76; Lower Spruce Creek Aux., $40; Mifflintown Aux., for Miss'y, Ningpo, $50; Milroy Aux., for Miss'y, Ningpo, $50; Port Matilda Aux., for sch., Kolapoor, $5; Sinking Valley Aux., $60; Tyrone Aux., $45, . . . 294 76

KITTANNING.—Bethel Aux., for Miss'y, Brazil, $25; Bethesda Aux., $8; Centre Aux., add'l, $5; Concord Aux., for Miss'y, Brazil, $3 70; Eldersridge, S. S. Miss. Bd., for sch'p, Benita, in part, $12 84; Saltsburg, Little Sunbeams, for Woodstock, $10 90; Slate Lick Aux., for sch., Mexico, $30, for sch., Yankton, $30 ($60); Srader's Grove Aux., for Mrs. M'Farland's work, Siam, $22 40; Emma, Ella and Etta Srader's Mite box, $2 25 ($24 65); Washington Aux., for Siam Mission, $12, ... 162 09

LACKAWANNA. — Honesdale Aux., for sch'p, Beirût, $100, sch'p, Oroomiah, $30, Tripoli House, $103 15, Hopeful Workers, sch'p, Benita, $30, G. F., $10 ($273 15); Kingston Aux., $11 50; Plymouth Aux., for sch., Syria, $100; Wilkesbarré, 1st Ch., Mrs. Loop's Bd., for sch'p, Kolapoor, $15; Mem. Ch. Aux., for sch. building, Mexico, $50; Towanda Aux., for Miss'y, Coriseo, $125, Overton Bd., for sch'p, Africa, $30, Stewart Bd., for sch'p, Africa, $30 ($185), . . $634 65

MAHONING. — Newton Falls Aux., $13 60; North Jackson Aux., $20; Salem Aux., $47, S. S., $10, Inf. Cl., $5 ($62); Vienna Aux., $11 25; Pres. Soc., bal. in treasury, $18, all for Miss'y, Bogota, 124 85

MARION. — Delaware Aux., $90 20; Marysville Aux., $32 50, Cent. off., $2, Stars of Hope, $7 50 ($42); Mt. Gilead Aux., for schs., Tungchow, $43; Ostrander Aux., $20, ... 195 20

MAUMEE.—Toledo, 3d Ch., Pearl Gatherers, sch'p, Yokohama, . . . 5 00

MONMOUTH. — Cranbury, 2d Ch. Aux., for sch'p, Bangkok, $25; Beverly Aux., for Tripoli House, $22 50; Jamesburg Aux., for Tripoli House, $60, Miss. Bd., for two sch'ps, Mynpurie, $60, Frankie Everitt's Mite box, for children in China, $5 ($125); Matawan Aux., for Tripoli House, $23; Mt. Holly Aux. (of which $45 for sch'p, Sidon), $72, Holly Branch, for sch'p, Futtehgurh, $15 ($87); Plattsburg S. S., $5 50; Wycoff Mills S. S., $10, ... 298 00

MORRIS AND ORANGE.—Boonton Aux., $80 40, Little Miss. Bd., $6 80, an individual, $20 ($109 20) Tripoli House; Chatham Aux., for sch'ps, Allahabad, $45; Mendham Aux., $56 60, Precious Seed Bearers, $8 40 ($65), for sch., Khiyam, Syria; Orange, 2d Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Tungchow, $131, 350 20

NASSAU.—Huntington Aux., for sch'p, Shanghai, . . 40 00

NEWARK.—Park Ch., Hopeful Workers, sch'p, Sidon, . 25 00

NEW BRUNSWICK.—2d Amwell Aux., sch'p, Kolapoor, $20 50; Copper Hill S. S., for sch., Rio Claro, $50; Kingston Aux., for sch., Gaboon, $13 75; Three Bridges Bd., for Tripoli House, $15; Trenton, 1st Ch., Golden Hour Bd., for

sch'p, Yokohama, $25; 3d Ch. Aux., for nat. tea., Kolapoor, $100, Beatty Bd., for sch'p, Dehra, $60 ($160); 4th Ch. Aux., bal. for Miss'y, Allahabad, $33; Prospect St. Ch. Aux., for 2 sch'ps, Rio Claro, $40, . $357 25

NEW CASTLE.—Lower W. Nottingham Aux., for Miss'y, Syria, $109; Monokin Aux., for sch'p, Futtehgurh, $31 75, S. S. $5 ($36 75); Port Penn Aux., $23, Labarec Bd., $10 ($33), sup. Hannah, Oroomiah; S. S., for Tripoli House, $10 27, . 189 02

NEWTON. — Blairstown Aux. (of which $25 from Hon. John I. Blair for L. M.), for Tripoli House, $100; Blair Hall Miss. Bd., for sch., Ningpo, $10; Bloomsburg Aux., for sch., Saharanpur, $40; Hackettstown, Gleaners, for sch'p, $40; Marksboro' Aux., $14; Newton Aux., for Chinese Home, $50, ... 254 00

NORTHUMBERLAND. — Bloomsburg, Farha Bd., . . 40 00

OREGON.—Portland Aux., . . 52 75

OTSEGO.—Cooperstown Aux., for sch., Syria, $50 35; Oneonta, Y. L. M. Bd., for sch'p, Oroomiah, $35, . 85 35

PHILADELPHIA. — Arch St. Aux., for zenana visitor, Futtehgurh, $78 75; Calvary Aux., for Miss'y, $350 13, Humphrey Bd., for sch., Sabathu, $82 ($432 13); Old Pine St. Ch., Workers for Jesus, sup. 2 Bible readers, Mynpurie, $25; W. Spruce St. Ch., Bd. of Love, for sch'p, Futtehgurh, $25; Woodlands Aux., for Miss'y, Benita, $106, . 666 88

PHILADELPHIA CENTRAL. — Alexander Ch. Aux., for Tripoli House, $100; Central Ch. Aux., for Tripoli House, $50; Chandler Aux., for sch., Saharanpur, $50; Cohocksink S. S., for Tripoli House, $50; Green Hill Aux., for fam. suf., Tungchow, $26, S. S., *special*, for Miss'y, $50 ($76); Johnstone Aux., for Miss'y, Odanah, $50; M'Dowell Aux., for Miss'y, San Francisco, $246 75, Ch. Home, $2, Rowland Bd., for Miss'y, San Francisco, $5 50 ($254 25); Northminster Aux., for Chinese Home, $90; Oxford Aux., for Chinese Home, $200, Robbins Bd., for sch'p, Dehra, $30 ($230), ... $950 25

PHILADELPHIA NORTH.—Chestnut Hill, Mrs. Dr. Owen, $5, Miss Boswell, $5, Miss M'Corkle, $5 ($15), for Tripoli House; Germantown, 1st Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Japan, $96 75, Mrs. E. L. Linnard, $25, Mrs. C. B. Penrose, $15, Miss E. P. Smith, 50 cts. ($40 50), for Chinese Home, Miss Bayard, for fam. suf., Tungchow, $5; Jeffersonville Aux., for sch'p, Dehra, $50; Norristown, 1st Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Dehra, $246 26, . 453 51

PITTSBURGH AND ALLEGHENY CON. — Allegheny, North Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Mynpurie, $300, for Miss'y, Brazil, $100, for Gen. Fund, $75 35, Hodge Bd. (of which $30 for sch'p, Mynpurie), $130, Busy Bee Bd., $20 ($625 35); Bakerstown Aux., for nat. tea., Mynpurie, $16 50; Beaver Aux., for Miss'y, Kolapoor, $105; Bellefield Aux., for Miss'y, Kolapoor, $133 43, for B. R., Mynpurie, $60, Cent. off., for Chinese Home, $40 25, Buds of Promise, for sch'p, Allahabad, $15 ($248 68); Bethany Aux., Cent. off., for Mr. and Mrs. M'Farland's sch., Petchaburi, $50, for Gen. Fund, $18 30 ($68 30); Bridgeville Aux., for Chinese Home, $13 14; Butler Aux., $44 40; Cannonsburg Aux., sup. child in Mrs. Henry's family, $25; Emsworth Aux., $37 20; Hiland Aux., $50, Hiland E. End Aux., $40 ($90), for work under Mrs. M'Farland, Siam; Millvale

Aux., $30, Bonnett Circle, $10 ($40); Pino Run Aux., $51 65; Pittsburgh, 1st Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Mynpuric, $450, Gen. Fund, $114 59, Louisa Lowrie Bd., for sch'p, Tungchow, $35, Light Bearers, $33, Miss. Bd., $20, S. S., $65, Young Voyagers, $25 ($742 59); 3d Ch. Aux., $6; 6th Ch., Daisy Circle, for Miss'y, Brazil, $21 20; Sewickley Aux., $16; Sharon Ch., Jennings Aux., for sch., Mexico, $32; Sharpsburg Aux., for work under Mrs. Happer, Canton, $28 55, for Gen. Fund, $15, Lawrence Bd., work under Mrs. Happer, $15 50 ($59 05); Swissvale Aux., $100; Tarentum Aux., $24, Bd. of Pearls, for sch'p, Mynpuric, $20 ($44); Wilkinsburg Aux. (of which $55 for sch'p, Mexico), $73, Henderson Bd., for African Mission, $30; Cash, 10 cts. $2489 16

REDSTONE.—Brownsville Aux., $80; Carmichael's Aux., for B. R., Futtehgurh, $50; Dunbar Aux., for sch'p, Mexico, $100; Little Redstone Aux., $36; Pleasant Unity Ch., Trusting Bd., $16 35; Reunion Aux., for Dehra sch'p, $19, Gen. Fund, $61 ($80); Tyrono Aux., $18, ... 380 35

ROCHESTER.—Dansville Aux., for Miss'y, Liberia, $100, Cent. off., for Tripoli House, $7 ($107); Livonia Aux., for sch'p, Mexico, $50; Ossian Aux., $13; Sparta, 2d Ch., Agnes Aitkin Bd., sch'p, Africa, $15, . . 185 00

ST. CLAIRSVILLE.—Bellaire Aux., for B. R., Mynpuric, $22 40, for Tripoli House (of which $25 from Miss M. Cratty for L. M.), $40 ($62 40); Businessburg Aux., for Chinese Home, $15, Tripoli House, $35 ($50); Cadiz Aux., for 4 sch'ps, Canton, $126, Earnest Workers, for Tripoli House, $14 ($140); Flushing, Mrs. S. J. Ogilvie, $1; Nottingham Aux., $38; Short Creek Aux., $18; Washington Aux., $40, . $349 40

ST. LAWRENCE.—Brasher Falls Aux., $20; Ogdensburg Aux., for Miss'y, San Francisco, $26, Morning Star Bd., for sch'p, Allahabad, $37 71, for Tripoli House, $25 ($88 71); Oxbow Aux., for sch'p, Mynpurie, $30; Watertown, 1st Ch. Aux., for sch'p, Mexico, $100, for boy, Shanghai, $31 50, Y. L. Bd., for sch'p, Shanghai, $30 ($161 50), . . . 300 21

SHENANGO.—Hermon Aux., for Dehra sch., $28 45; Neshannock Aux., $63 25; Pulaski Aux., $36 50; Unity Ch., Willing Workors, $4; West Middlesex Aux., for B. R., Chefoo, $40, Tripoli House, $16 40, Earnest Workers, $19, S. S., $15, Tripoli House ($90 40), . 222 60

STEUBEN.—Prattsburg Aux., 36 72

STEUBENVILLE.—Buchanan Chapel Aux., $16; Cannonsburg Aux., $12 03; New Cumberland Aux., $7 50, . 35 53

SYRACUSE.—Elbridge Ch., ladies, for Miss'y, Tokio, $7 50; Oneida Aux., $54 77, Little Workers, for sch., Allahabad, $10 ($64 77); Skaneateles Aux., $91 56; Syracuse, 4th Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Tokio, $160 80, Cent. off., Chinese Home, $5 80 ($166 60); Park Cent. Ch. Aux. and S. S., for Miss'y, Tokio, $250 *gold* ($261 88), ... 592 31

TRANSYLVANIA.—Danville, 2d Ch., J. L. M'Kee Bd., $20, Myra Rodes Bd., $40, for work under Mrs. Lucas, . 60 00

UNION.—Knoxville, 2d Ch. Aux., for Tripoli House, . 38 72

UTICA.—Utica, Westminster Ch. Ladies' Bible Cl., for Woodstock, . . . 25 00

WASHINGTON.—Claysville Aux., for Miss'y, Tungchow, $50; Cross Creek Aux., $15 50; Florence, Earnest Workers, for Mrs. M'Farland's sch., $10; Lower Buffalo Aux., for sch'p,

Canton, $31 40; Pigeon Creek Aux., for fam. suf., Tungchow, $46 55; Washington, 1st Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Persia, $60, Cornes Bd., for 3 sch'ps, Mynpurie, $25 ($85), ... $238 45

WASHINGTON CITY.—New York Av. Aux., for Woodstock, . 400 00

WESTCHESTER. — Thompsonville, 1st Ch. S. S., sch'p, Dehra, ... 60 00

WEST JERSEY. — Cape May Aux., for Woodstock, $21 70; Cedarville Aux., Woodstock, $17; Deerfield Aux., for B. R., Gaboon, $28, Elfio Bd., for sch'p, Gaboon, $25 ($53); Salem Aux., $41 50, Young Reapers, $44 81 ($86 31), for Woodstock; Woodstown Aux., for Woodstock, $17, ... 195 01

WESTMINSTER.—Bellevue Aux., for sch., Saharanpur, $50; Chestnut Level Aux., Tripoli House, $32; Columbia Aux., for Miss'y, Futtehgurh, $90; Slate Ridge Aux., Tripoli House, $18 50; Slateville Aux., $60; Stewartstown Aux., Tripoli House, $35, . . 285 50

WEST VIRGINIA. — Holliday's Cove Aux., for Panalla, . 25 00

WOOSTER.—Loudonville Aux., $23 75; Mansfield Aux., $36 20; Wooster, Westminster Aux., for sch'p, Canton, $31 50, ... 91 45

ZANESVILLE. — Adams Mills Aux., $20 04; Chandlersville Aux., for work under Mrs. Shaw, $19 20; Dresden Aux., for Tripoli House, $25; Mercy Drops, for sch'p, Beirût, $60; Duncan's Falls Aux., for Mrs. Crosette's work, $14 75; High Hill and Mt. Zion Aux., for Miss'y, Chenanfoo, $26 35; Linton Aux., $30; Martinsburg Aux., for Mrs. Mateer's work, $20; New Concord Aux., $23 50, Circle, $15 ($38 50); Norwich Aux., $15; Pataskala Aux., $13, 281 84

MISCELLANEOUS.—Astoria, Oreg., Nellie and Kittie Flavel, $4 15; Attica, Ind., Cordelia Buchanan, $10; Bacon Springs, N. Mexico, Mrs. Wm. Crane, $1; Beverly, N. J., Mrs. Geo. Raphael, $10; Bridgehampton, N. Y., R., $2; Buffalo Cross Roads, Pa., D. C. B., $5; Carlisle, Pa., Miss J. T. Logan, Tripoli House, $5; E. Orange, N. J., silver coins, for Tripoli House, $2 67; Gettysburg, Pa., Miss S. M'Pherson, for Miss'y, Futtehgurh, $50; Lexington, Mo., Mrs. R. Taylor, from sale of fern mottoes, for Woodstock, $20; Marion, Va., S., for spread of Gospel, $4; Oxbow, N. Y., Mrs. I. A. Laidlaw, $1; Peekskill, N. Y., Mrs. Mary Lannott, for Tripoli House, $5; Phila., Woodside Aux., 2 sch'ps, Dehra, $120; Miss M. B. Mitchell, $2; S. K., for fam. suf., Tungchow, $5; E. M. S., Chinese Home, $10; S., *special*, $26; L. A. V., for China, $5; Upper St. Clair, Pa., Ella Ewing, 35 cts., Mary and Willie W., $1 65; Utica, N. Y., Mrs. J. S. Walcott, for Chinese Home, $20; Versailles, N. Y., Humble Workers, for work under Mrs. C. B. Newton, $10; Waveland, Ind., Mrs. Vannuys and others, for Chinese Home, $5; Washington C. H., O., Miss Mary Stockdale, Chinese Home, $50; Wellesley, Mass., Mrs. E. E. Thompson, for Tripoli House, $30; Yankton, Dakota, Mrs. S. A. Williamson, $10, Miss N. J. Williamson, $5, ... $419 82

Total Receipts for March, $18,984 34
Previously acknowledged, . 47,116 15

Total Receipts from May 1, 1876, to April 1, 1877, ... $66,100 49

April 2, 1877.

MRS. JULIA M. FISHBURN, *Treasurer*,
1334 Chestnut Street, Phila.

W. P. B. M.

Northwestern Department.

PERSIA.

Miss Jewett.

Tabriz, January 27, 1877.

. . . Let me tell you first how glad and thankful I am about my associate. My Heavenly Father has looked upon me in love and merey, and left me alone no longer. We are very comfortably and pleasantly settled. The geographies and maps are just what I wanted; they are beautiful, and have come in splendid condition. I think I told you that I dismissed the school in the Kalla the last of July. The two sons of Mullah Abdul Hassan continued to come through the summer and autumn for a lesson a day in Persian with our Mirza. The son and daughter of Kasha Masha, living in Lālăwă, near to Miriam's school, went there, thus keeping up their reading lessons in Armenian, and learning to speak this language from hearing it every day. October 30th I gathered these four around me on our pleasant piazza and re-commenced the English lessons. On Monday morning, November 6, we adjourned to the school-room, and two Armenian boys were added to our number. These two boys are brothers, the sons of Tituvus Khan, one of the confidential attendants upon the Valiat (heir apparent to the throne). I feel that to have an opportunity of exerting an influence upon this family is great gain, on account of the position which Tituvus Kahn occupies. His wife's sister is the one of whom I have written as coming to me regularly for instructions. These two boys are aged fourteen and ten, and are teachable, bright and interesting. They study the Bible, and the Armenian, English and Persian languages. The older one helps me in my study of the Armenian.

They have two pretty and interesting sisters, who are promised to us as soon as winter is past and the weather is settled. There is a nice little Armenian girl, four years old, who comes and is our pet. Not long since a boy from Lālăwă begged to be received. He came a few days on trial, and is so studious and obedient that he has won our favor. Besides these there is a young man, Armenian, from Khivi, whom Mr. Easton found in school in Oroomiah, and has brought him here on trial, that if he turns out well he may become helper. His name is Stephen; he attends the Bible lessons and studies Persian; the rest of the day he acts as colporteur. We are now studying Mark. After I have gone over a portion with them, Mr. Easton comes in and examines them on this portion, thus endeavoring to impress upon them the truths taught, our aim being not only to teach them these things intellectually but to lead them to give their hearts to Jesus and live what they learn. Mrs. Van Hook has taken the English classes, and finds teaching them English a great help to herself in learning Turkish. She also sings with them and plays for them, and teaches them to sing. It would please you to see how eager they are for their music lessons, and we feel that the good done in this way is incalculable. We dismiss them to their homes by two o'clock, so as to have the afternoon for visiting. You see that our school is almost a boys' school; this is the way Providence seems to lead; I hope before long we shall have more girls, as there are some who rightly belong to us.

The school at Lālăwă is prospering, with twenty scholars, four of whom are boys. Mariam is living a quiet, consistent, Christian life, exerting a steady, silent influence upon her neighbors, numbers of whom gather at her house evenings while she reads and talks to them. Her husband says to me, "I am filled with wonder at Mariam." He himself is a different man from what he was when we came here. On Christmas Mrs. Van Hook and I made a Christmas party and invited the two schools. There were twenty-five present, clean, bright and happy. We showed them pictures, played with them, entertained them with tea, cakes, candies and apples. Mr. Easton gave them a talk, then we distributed

the presents we had arranged for each one; then Mr. Easton closed the day with prayer, and they went home rejoicing. The presents were sent by the children of Indianapolis, Whiteland and Mt. Pleasant, and some things I had on hand, left from former times. One little boy who was in the school at Lālăwā was taken sick shortly after, and in eight days died; during his illness, and so long as he could speak, he kept repeating the verses of Scripture he had learned at school. May we not hope that He who took little children in His arms and blessed them has taken little Andoine home to dwell with Him forever?

CHINA.

Extract from Letter of Miss Downing's.

The suffering in the drought-affected regions is increasing, and will probably be still greater a month or two hence. Whole families are coming in here from many places. I hope work will be found for them, for they are not beggars. Most of them have houses and land, and would prefer to work for their daily food till they raise next spring's crops. We had a snow-storm Saturday, and my cook came in with a face quite radiant, saying, "Next year will be a good one, because God is giving us the snow." God grant it may be! To these starving strangers I give food whether they come on Sunday or a weekday, and some of them listen with much apparent interest to what I tell them of Christ. May they here find food for the soul which will give them eternal life, as well as food to nourish the body!

SIAM.—Petchaburi.

Miss Cort.

Our hearts ache over the sad lot of our sisters in Siam. There are many hindrances to the spread of the gospel among this people, and yet it is making daily conquests, and more have been added to the churches in the last thirty months than during all the first thirty years of work among them. At this time there is quite an interest among the boys in the school; they have of their own

accord commenced a daily prayer-meeting, where they take turns in reading the Bible and leading in prayer. It is very pleasant as we sit at dinner to hear the sound of their "Noonday Prayer Meeting," and to know that they are singing the songs of the Lord in this strange land. There is hope for every land in its little children. . . .

I see in some paper a grand proposal to "preach the gospel to every creature" in the next ten or fifteen years. It can be done, and may God give the Christians of this generation the grace to do it. If every Christian would give $10 for the next ten years, we would have all the money necessary. How can we make this people believe that faith in Christ and preparation for heaven are more important than anything else in this world, and that we have hearts full of love and pity to our fellow-creatures, and that it is the duty of the Christians to tell this good news to all whom they know, when in all this kingdom there are but two little companies of missionaries—four of us in Petchaburi and seven in Bangkok? . . . I hear that you enjoy the reading of my letters, but I sometimes fear that you do not more than half believe them. "The heathen" has become such a common expression, and "millions" is the number always used in connection with them, and both together they have such a strange, far away, indefinite sound, that you do not comprehend the awful reality of their meaning. Nevertheless, there *are* heathen in the world—MILLIONS of them—and to *you*, to YOU, God has entrusted the gospel of His dear Son, saying, "Go teach all nations!" Therefore I beg of you not to neglect *your* duty unless you have an excuse which will stand the test of God's righteous judgments.

MRS. WILSON, of Laos, writes:—"So great is the need of helpers everywhere, so loud is the Macedonian cry, I often wonder that any Christian can close his ears to the calls of a perishing people. And yet I have met many since my return who discourage my going back. They surely do not realize what they are doing. They surely would not withhold the gospel from the heathen. Father forgive this spirit, they know not what they do!"

Home Work.

CHRIST IS OUR GUEST TO-DAY.

The thought thrills us with intense emotion. Invitations by the thousands have been sent Him and petitions without number borne to His feet. The choicest of our sons and daughters have gone with palm branches to meet Him, and to announce that this "Prince of Peace," "Saviour of his people," "God with us," is come as our Guest. We have prepared Him room, and He is already dispensing on the right and on the left His New Year's gifts to us—unparalleled tokens and assurances of His reviving love. His messages, too, have been newly translated by the Spirit, and His promises, rich as the pure gold, have been appreciated. Christians of the Northwest can but join exultingly in Isaiah's song: "Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; break forth into singing, O mountains, for the Lord hath comforted His people!" And our faith cries out: "These gifts are but the handful of corn upon the top of the mountains, the fruit whereof shall flourish like Lebanon, and they of the city, and they of the country shall flourish together." Already from the heights of her four hundred islands we hear His voice in Japan: "Listen, O isles, unto me," and "hearken, ye people from afar;" and no country has so joyfully welcomed His heralds, His word, His Sabbath. Surely, in Japan He is our Guest to-day! In China, too, that empire of 400,000,000 idolaters, His footsteps are found, and nine hundred on the plains of Ningpo—perhaps as many more in her crowded ports—have put their trust in Him. But oh, the 400,000,000! The poor, and the needy, seeking for water, and their tongues failing for thirst; surely "He shall give power to the faint," and Ezekiel's vision will be fulfilled in this ancient "land of Sinim." The homes of India, too, are opening to-day to the loving invitations of this Guest of the world; even Mohammedans, before whom the nations have been "as the dust to their

sword, and as the driven stubble to their bow," are bowing to His sceptre and the temples of idolatry are growing gray with a waning faith.

In Persia, our daughters tell us of the faith and love that mark His presence. In Africa, that "bruised reed," He is giving "breath unto the people . . . and spirit to them that walk therein." In South America, that precious book which the brave and pious Coligny brought three hundred years ago, but which was closed by the Romish power, is being opened to glad eyes and longing hearts, with its "Good will to men." What changes in Mexico by His presence! Even the Indians on our Western frontier, and those within the Arctic circle, are subscribing with their own hands to this Prince of Peace. So the world around, Christ is indeed our Guest *to-day*. What are we doing for the entertainment of our Lord? We have been the loving Mary sitting at His feet and receiving His precious words long enough; our duty now is Martha-wise,—effort, doing, helping, self-sacrifice. What *are* we doing for His honor?—and with what measure?—chary of our gifts, or according to His rule, "good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over?" O Christian women, thousands of dollars are asked that His table may be spread world-wide; the "two mites," the one dollar, the five, the fifty, the one hundred, are ours,—let us *crowd* the treasury, till the servants return with the glad "*Enough, enough!*"

"O, let us be strong in the doing, for that is ours alone,
The meaning and end are His, and He will care for His own;
And if it seems to us little, remember that from afar
He looks into a world, where we see only a *star*."

M. E. H.

Rockford, Ill.

THE WORK OF THE LORD.

"Always abounding in th ework of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." What a precious promise to follow our labors! they shall "not be in vain in

the Lord." Every word or action of love given in Jesus' name shall not fail to accomplish the end whereto He sent it. And now, dear Christian friends, what is the work of the Lord? Is it not in rescuing perishing souls, telling *all* of the wondrous love of Jesus, who left His home above to seek and save the lost, trying in His name to lead all poor sinners to the blessed "Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world?" *This* is the Lord's work; it is *His* work, it is *our* work; He working by *us;* we, the feeble instruments in His hand. Think what a great work the Lord gives us to do! Let us, then, do it lovingly, trustingly, prayerfully, taking Jesus with us, "For without Me ye can do nothing." Here is the gracious promise, "Lo, I am with you alway." And now, where is the Lord's work? The world; "Go ye into *all the world* and preach the gospel to every creature;" at home, abroad. Think of those darkened lands, far, far away, where there is no light which the gospel brings! Tell *them* also of the Light of the World; if you cannot go to them, try to send or help in sending those whom God calls to work for Him there, or pray that the Light may shine in that great darkness. What you do shall "not be in vain in the Lord." Work where God has placed you, and He "is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love." Let each Christian worker still work *earnestly*, believing the promise, "Your labor is not in vain in the Lord" Should any one be careless, go work in the vineyard to-day; pray that God will "hasten the time when *all* shall know Him," and ever remember the "work of the Lord."

L. M. M.

IMPORTANT.

THE matter of sending life membership certificates by mail in the course of a year amounts to a much larger sum than would be supposed unless one had given the subject special attention. All of our auxiliaries sympathize with us in the desire to use the utmost economy, and if all in the city or suburbs will, as far as possible, send to 48 McCormick Block by personal opportunity it will add many dollars to the direct work of the Board.

"NO INTEREST IN THE MISSION CAUSE."

By Juniata.

"No interest in the mission cause!"—a Christian spoke the word;
She knew not how her listener's heart was startled, grieved and stirred,
Nor what responsibility the uttered thought incurred.

"No interest in the mission cause!" when He, who died to save,
For heathen nations, as for us, the priceless offering gave:
Yet unwarned, heedless multitudes are hastening to the grave!

Undying, precious souls await the tidings we should bear,
For the command is, "Go, and spread the glad news everywhere!
For the fulfillment of that word, do we not even *care?*

Some noble consecrated souls, with grace-enkindled zeal,
Have left their all and gone afar this gospel to reveal;
Have we in *them* no interest, for them no heart to feel?

They are our kindred, we, as they, are under God's command;
They are our representatives in many a darkened land;
We stay because they go, our prayers should nerve each fainting hand.

'Twas but a lightly-uttered word, let fall with little thought
Of all the sad significance with which the speech was fraught.
My friend forgot the far-off field, while nearer home she wrought.

But let us think—one moment *think*—of nations' pressing needs,
While the constraining love of Christ with heart and conscience pleads,
Our "interest" in the mission cause will grow to prayerful deeds.

Dear Woman's Work:—We want to tell you of a young member of your family. "Can we do something in this good cause?" said ten of our Sabbath-school girls. We started a mission band auxiliary to the Woman's Missionary Society of Constantine one year ago this month, and immediately commenced work. The evening before Thanksgiving we had a sale of the articles we had made, and raised $36, of which we wish $20 applied towards the Tripoli building.

Yours, Happy Workers.

Constantine, Mich., Feb., 1877.

KOSSUTH, IOWA.

A DEAR "lamb of the flock" came yesterday P. M., bringing two shining silver quarters (earned by her own dear willing hands), and requested me to send for the "little Magazine" for her. She has been reading it for the last year, and although assured she could still have that privilege, she insisted upon sending for it in her own name. How delightful to think of a generation of children growing up in an atmosphere of missionary faith and interest! "What shall the harvest be?"

NEW AUXILIARIES.

Arcadia and Enon Valley, Ohio (Union).
Buckley, Ill.
Charlestown, Ind., Mission Band.
Clam Lake, Michigan, "Ketchum Band."
Danville, Ill., "The Gleaners."
Galesville, Wis.
Indianapolis, Ind., 2d Ch.
Indianapolis, Ind., 3d Ch.
Knoxville, Ill.
North La Crosse, Wis.
Onslow, Wis.
Peoria, Ill., Calvary Ch.
Remington, Ind.
Rochelle, Ill.
St. Mary's, Ohio.
Williamsport, Ind.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS.

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Mrs. Hannah Fox,
Mrs. Lydia A. Goudy,
Mrs. James Grey,
Mrs. Shelby A. Harrington,
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Mrs. T. E. Hughes,
Mrs. R. M. Lewis,
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Mrs. C. L. Williams,
Mrs. J. C. Wilson.

Receipts of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest, for March, 1877.

[PRESBYTERIES IN SMALL CAPITALS.]

ALTON.—Carlinsville W. M. S., for India, $8 95; Jerseyville W. M. S., for teacher in Mr. Farnham's sch., $29; Plainview W. M. S., and Children's, $6; Troy Excelsior Bd., sup. of Choo at Bangkok, $15, . . .	$58 95
AUSTIN.—Austin W. M. S., .	$30 00
BLOOMINGTON.—Chenoa W. M. S., for Persia, $35; Lexington W. M. S., $20 60; Normal W. M. S., Cent. fund, $3,	58 60
CAIRO.—Carmi, Mrs. I. Crebs, for Eddie Crebs, with Mrs. Dr. Warren, special, . .	2 90

CEDAR RAPIDS.—Cedar Rapids 1st Ch., W. M. S., $50, maps sent Miss Jewett, $13 25 ($63 25); Clarence W. M. S., $8 10; Clinton W. M. S., for Tripoli, $25; Linn Grove Ch., W. M. S., $50; Mt. Vernon W. M. S., for Miss Jewett, $25, Juvenile Soc., for Miss Jewett, $10 ($35); Onslow W. M. S., $4; Vinton, a mite from four sisters, $2 25; Wheatland W. M. S., $40, Young People's Soc., $10 ($50); Springville, $1, . . . $238 60

CHICAGO.—1st Ch., W. M. S., for Tripoli, $24, for Mrs. Jessup, $102 93, for Scotia Seminary, $126 75, Youthful Gleaners, for school in Syria, $65 57 ($194 25); 2d Ch., W. M. S., for Tripoli, $70, for school in Persia, $70, for General fund, $10, Mrs. C. C. Peck, sch'p No. 13, Chefoo, $40, Mrs. Albert Keep, $10, Infant S. S. class, sch'p No. 14, Chefoo, $40 ($240); 3d Ch., W. M. S., $363 50; 4th Ch., W. M. S., for sup. of miss'y, $130 20, Mrs. G. Jenkins, for same, $10 ($141 20); 5th Ch., W. M. S., salary of Miss Campbell, $32 35; 6th Ch., W. M. S., for teacher with Mr. Farnham, $24; Fullerton Av. Ch., W. M. S., $15; Mrs. J. R. Nicholas, $30; A Friend of Missions, $15; Hyde Park W. M. S., $39 10; Englewood, Mrs. Hill, for Tripoli, $25; Evanston W. M. S., sup. of Miss Bacon, $185 90; Lake Forest W. M. S., for L. M., &c., $34, Steady Streams, $29 33 ($73 33); Joliet, 1st Ch., W. M. S., $15; Kankakee W. M. S., for Tripoli, $25, 1532 63

CHIPPEWA.—Galesville W. M. S., $6; La Crosse W. M. S., $20 25; North La Crosse W. M. S., $3 50; Sechlersville W. M. S., $6; West Salem W. M. S., $14 25, . 50 00

COLORADO.—Denver W. M. S., 32 45

COUNCIL BLUFFS.—Corning Woman's Association, for sch'p in Chefoo, . . $50 00

CRAWFORDSVILLE.—Delphi W. M. S., for debt of Board, $82; Rockville W. M. S., $35 40; Williamsport W. M. S., $6 25, ... 123 65

DES MOINES.—Adel W. M. S., $12; Indianola W. M. S., $18; Knoxville W. M. S., $32 72; Newton W. M. S., $7 51; Osceola W. M. S., for Mexico, $16; Oskaloosa W. M. S., $46 50; Russell W. M. S., $10; Winterset W. M. S., for Miss Dougherty, $9, ... 151 73

DETROIT.—Ann Arbor W. M. S., for Mexico, $57; Detroit W. S., sal. of Mrs. Lucas, $25, for Tripoli, $80, for Mexico (gold), $24, for sch'p in Miss Harshberger's sch., (gold) $50, Richardson Band, sup. of sch'p No. 9, Ningpo (gold), $50, Gold Premium, $5 58, Westminster Bd., sch'p at Shanghai, $42 ($276 58); Ann Arbor W. M. S., for Tripoli, $7 73; Ann A bor, Mrs. C.'s class, for Tripoli; Stony Creek W. M. S., $15, Sabbath School, $6, Cent. off., $4, Miss M. Gardner, for Tripoli and L. M., $25 ($50); Southfield W. M. S., sup. of pupil at Oroomiah, $22; Ypsilanti W. M. S., $75, Young Ladies' Miss. Circle, $50, Little Gleaners, pupil at Oroomiah, $30 ($155); Franklin W. M. S., $9 10, Busy Bees, $4 04 ($13 14); Pontiac W. M. S., $16, . 597 45

DUBUQUE.—Dubuque, 2d Ch., W. M. S., $65 70; Hopkinton W. M. S., $45 35; Independence W. M. S., sal. of Miss Pratt, $75; Lansing W. M. S., $6; West Union W. M. S., $2 50, . . 194 55

EMPORIA.—Wichita W. M. S., 3 00

FORT WAYNE.—Elkhart W. M. S., $10 90; Goshen W. M. S., for school at Gomez, $39, Helping Hands, sch'p 26, at Gaboon, $12 50 ($51 50); Lima W. M. S., $18, Mrs.

L. P. Williams, $25 ($43); Ossian Mite Society, $3 20, $108 60

FREEPORT.—Belvidere W. M. S., $60; Freeport Union W. M. S., for Miss Jewett's sch., $25, 2d sup. Bible reader in Persia, $40 50, Elliott Bd., for pupil with Miss Jewett, $18 46, Little Workers, $2 18, Cent. off., $5 60 ($151 74); Rockford, Westminster Ch., W. M. S., for Tripoli, $15 25, W. M. S., $59 ($74 25); Winnebago W. M. S., for Tripoli, $13, ... 238 99

GRAND RAPIDS.—Grand Haven W. M. S., for Japan, $75, for Central College, Turkey, $75 ($150); Miss. Bd., for pupil in Japan, $50; Grand Rapids, 1st Ch., W. M. S., $15; Westminster Ch., sup. two Mt. schs., Persia, $61, Jessup Miss. Bd., for Tripoli, $40 ($116); Ionia W. M. S., $23, Alexander Miss. Bd., sup. of Kamsan, at Mynpurie, $17 25 ($40 25), . . 356 25

INDIANAPOLIS.—Bloomington W. M. S., $47; Franklin W. M. S., sal. Mrs. Dr. Warren, $40; Hopewell W. M. S., $36; Indianapolis, 1st Ch., W. M. S., sup. Mrs. Van Hook, $105; 3d Ch., W. M. S., passage money, $70 05; 4th Ch., W. M. S., passage money, $13 63; Memorial Ch., $24; Mrs. Carter, $1; 9th Ch., W. M. S., $7; Whiteland Bethany Bd., $2 50, . . 346 18

IOWA.—Bloomfield W. M. S., for Tripoli, $5 75; Burlington, 1st Ch., W. M. S., $10; Fairfield W. M. S., $20; Kossuth W. M. S., for Tripoli, $13 50, Mission Helpers, for Tripoli, $3 56 ($17 06); Mt. Pleasant W. M. S., $31, ... 83 81

IOWA CITY.—Malcolm W. M. S., ... 5 00

KALAMAZOO.—Kalamazoo Sem. Society, . . . 26 65

LANSING.—Battle Creek W. M. S., ... 25 60

LIMA.—Columbus Grove W. M. S., $15; Lima W. M. S., for sch. in Syria, $25, . $40 00

LOGANSPORT. — Crown Point W. M. S., $16; La Porte Young Ladies' Bd., for Mrs. Dr. Warren, $45 72; Logansport W. M. S., $21, Broadway Ch. W. M. S., for Training Sch., at Canton, $10 60 ($31 60); Michigan City W. M. S., sal. Mrs. Dr. Warren, $27; Remington, Miss. Band, for Chinese House, California, $10 39; South Bend, 1st Ch., W. M. S., $29 54, Young People's Band, for Tripoli, $21 ($50 54); Valparaiso, by Mrs. Rhea, $10; W. M. S., sal. of Mrs. Dr. Warren, $32 50; for Bible Woman Martha, Willing Workers, for Tabriz, $28 62 ($71 12), 252 37

MANKATO.—Blue Earth City W. M. S., sup. Mt. sch., Persia, $12; Mankato W. M. S., sal. Miss Downing, $51; Cent. off., $3 ($54); St. Peter's, Union Ch., W. M. S., $3 60, Band Little Bee Hive, $5 ($8 60), . . 74 60

MATTOON.—Charleston W. M. S., $9 10; Vandalia S. S., $5 62, ... 14 72

MAUMEE.—Perrysburg W. M. S., $23 35; Toledo Westminster Ch. W. M. S., sup. Mariam, Tabriz, $55, . . 78 35

MILWAUKEE.—Beloit W. M. S., $33 52; Delafield W. M. S., $15; Lima W. M. S., for Tripoli, $10; Madison Young Ladies' Soc., $50, S. S., for girls' sch., Persia (gold), $5 ($55); Milwaukee Calvary Ch., Young Ladies' Soc., for Tripoli, $100, 1st Wisconsin Volunteers, for Tripoli, $50, Immanuel's Ch. W. M. S., for heathen girls' sch., at Futtehgurh, &c., $175, for school at Ningpo, China, $32 ($357); Portage W. M. S., $12 37, 482 89

MONROE.—Cold Water, sup. of pastor's wife, Persia, $25; Tecumseh W. M. S., $43, ... 68 00

MUNCIE.—Nobleville W. M. S., $7; Shiloh W. M. S., $5; Wabash W. M. S., $31 50; Light Bearers, $40, . . $83 50

NEBRASKA CITY.—Lincoln W. M. S., for Tripoli, $20; Nebraska City W. M. S., $15 65, ... 35 65

NEW ALBANY.—Vernon W. M. S., $7 25; Anna Fink Bd., $17 75, . . . 25 00

OREGON.—Eugene City W. M. S., for school at Gwalior, India, ... 30 00

PEORIA.—Canton W. M. S., $30; Henry Independent W. M. S., for pupil at Oroomiah, $30; Oneida W. M. S., $12 50; Galesburg W. M. S., for Tripoli, $50, for Chinese Mission under care of Mr. Loomis, Cal., $18 ($68); Yates City W. M. S., $4 15; Peoria, Little Lights, for Rio Clara, $5, Mission Workers, $12 50, 1st Ch., W. M. S., $27 65; 2d Ch., W. M. S., $30 90, Light Bearers, for Tripoli, $21 75 ($97 75); Princeville W. M. S., sup. of teacher at Allahabad (gold), $50, premium on gold, $2 19 ($52 19); Salem Ch., W. M. S., cent. for Rio Janeiro Mission, Brazil, $23 33, . . . 317 97

ROCK RIVER.—Albany W. M. S., $8; Fulton W. M. S., $3; Kewanee, Mrs. A. Hurd, $5; Rock Island W. M. S., $15; Woodhull W. M. S., pupil at Dehra Doon, $53, 84 00

SAGINAW.—Flint W. M. S., sch. at Ani Zehalla, Syria, $20 67; Saginaw City, Golden Rule Band, for Tripoli, $50, . . . 70 67

ST. LOUIS.—St. Louis 2d Ch., Little Reapers, support of Grace Nichols at Gwalior, India, ... 40 00

SAINT PAUL.—Minneapolis Westminster Ch., W. M. S., sal. Miss Downing, $25, for Frank Nyanga, Bolondo, Africa, $25, sch. in Persia, $10, Persian Boys, for Persia, $12 ($72); Red Wing W. M. S., $50, Stillwater W. M. S., $1, S. S., for Tripoli, $3 ($4), . . $132 00

SCHUYLER.—Camp Point W. M. S., pupil with Rev. D. McCoy, Pekin, $22 90; Carthage W. M. S., $22; Elvaston, W. M. S., $4; Monmouth W. M. S., $43, . 91 90

VINCENNES.—Evansville 1st Av. Ch., W. M. S., $12 25; Grace Ch., W. M. S., $30; Walnut St. Ch. W. M. S., for Tripoli, $30, . . 72 25

WATERLOO.—Ackley W. M. S., $11; Marshalltown W. M. S., for Miss Jewett, $40, 51 00

WHITEWATER.—Liberty W. M. S., ... 7 25

WINONA.—Albert Lea W. M. S., $10; Chatfield W. M. S., sal. Miss Downing, $20; Fillmore, Wyeoff Ch. W. M. S., $6 50; Owatonna W. M. S., for Tripoli, $6 50, sal. of Miss Downing, $6 50. ($13); Rochester W. M. S., sal. of Miss Downing, $36, 85 50

WINNEBAGO.—Fond du Lac W. M. S., $32; Neenah W. M. S., for Tripoli, $10, Sch'p No. 11, at Ningpo, $45 ($55), ... 87 00

WISCONSIN RIVER.—Beaver Dam, 1st Ch., and S. S., for Sch'p No. 11 Chefoo, $42; Madison, by Mrs. Rhea, $10 25; Oregon W. M. S., $12, ... 64 25

ZANESVILLE.—Greenville, Little Workers, for sch'p 23, at Shanghai, . . . 5 00

MISCELLANEOUS.—Frankfort, Ky., for debt, $10; Tullahassee, Ind. Ter., Mrs. A. E. W. Robertson, $20; Dodgeville, Wis., $1; Rossville, Ind., Mrs. K. and friend, $3 35, . . . 34 35

Total for March, . . $6,643 21

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